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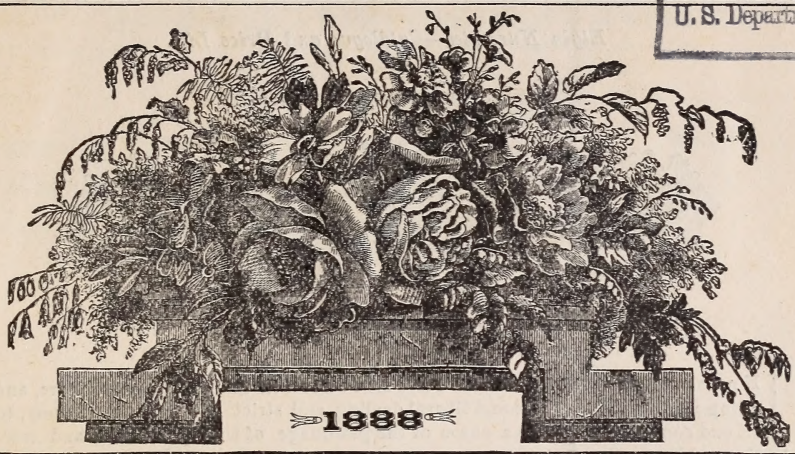

CATALOGUE AND PRICE LIST

OF THE

ELGIN NURSERIES

Established 1854.

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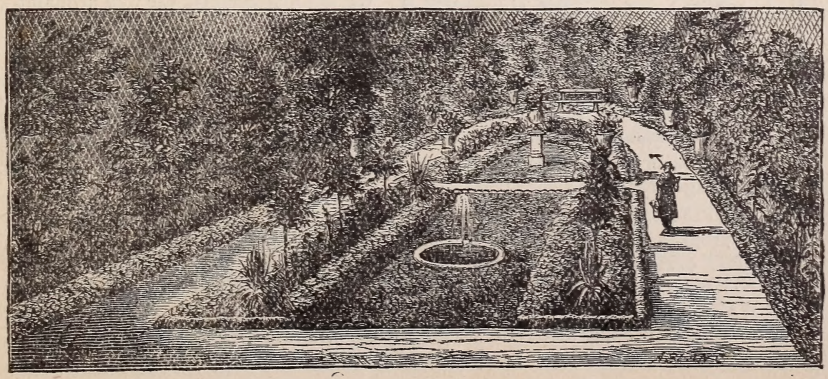
E. H. RICKER & CO., PROPR'S,

ELGIN, KANE CO., ILLINOIS.



ANNOUNCEMENT.

IN presenting our Catalogue and Price-List we return thanks for past favors, and hope by a system of fair and liberal dealing, and strict attention to business, to merit and continue to receive a share of the patronage of the fruit-loving and tree-buying public.

The Elgin Nurseries were established in 1854 by D. C. Scofield, and were purchased by us in 1880. Since then we have increased our stock, and now have a larger and finer stock than ever before. We give our personal attention to the taking up and packing of stock, so that persons at a distance can rely upon obtaining a good selection of well-rooted and well-packed stock.

Elgin is 35 miles northwest of Chicago, the great railroad center of the world, and on the main line of the C., M. & St. Paul and C. & N. W. railways, so our shipping facilities to all parts of the world are unsurpassed.

Our guarantee is accepted by our railroad and express companies, so that all goods will be forwarded without prepayment of charges for transporting. After receiving your trees you will please write and inform us of their condition on arrival, in order that we may know in what estimation our goods are held in the various parts of the country. Because you are in Oregon, Texas, or Maine, do not hesitate in sending for one of our sample lots of trees.

We, the undersigned, are well acquainted with Messrs. E. H. Ricker & Co., proprietors of the Elgin Nurseries, and believe that all orders entrusted to them will receive careful attention, and that nothing but good stock in good condition will be allowed to leave the nurseries. Our names have been used in their circulars of former years, and we have yet to hear the first complaint against them.

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Our Office and Packing Grounds are 351 to 359 South Street, corner Western ave. Nurseries, city limits, end of South street.

Cash must accompany each order. No goods sent C. O. D.

Address all orders to E. H. RICKER & CO., ELGIN, KANE CO., ILL., and make Post Office Money Order payable at Elgin, Ill.

Date.....*188*

Enclosed find Post Office Note or Order for - - $.....

Enclosed find Bank Draft for - - - - - $.....

Enclosed find Cash, (at *our risk only* by Registered Letter.) $.....

For which send the following list of Plants, etc., by.....**to**

Name.....**Post Office**.....

County.....**State**.....**Express Office**.....

Lot No.	No. of Trees or Implemts Wanted.	ARTICLES.	Dolls.	Cts.
		Amount Carried Forward.....		

ANSWER TO A QUESTION.

We are asked many times why we offer special lots of trees at prices so much below our regular Catalogue Prices. In answer to this question we will say the cause of our giving you a chance to purchase a few dollars' worth of assorted trees and plants at such very low prices is that we are certain if you receive a small order of plants from our Nurseries this spring you will find out what kind of stock we send out, and the fine condition you receive it in will insure us a much larger order from you another year. And should you need no more, we are sure to receive orders from some of your neighbors who see your trees growing. Our stock and manner of packing are the best commendations we can offer. An order of trees sent into a neighborhood more than serves the purpose of the best advertising we can do.

We Want No Traveling Agents

To go through the country and swindle the people by selling them new and fancy fruits and plants, with large sounding names that nobody ever heard of—such as Grapevine Raspberry, Tree Strawberry, Blight-Proof Pears, Apple grafted on boarer-proof stock, and nobody knows how many more unreasonable things. Remember: we are not in the business of supplying cheap trees to tree-peddlers and dealers, for them to sell as new and rare varieties, at the fancy prices these smooth-tongued gentry sell at. We devote our time and close attention to the growing of stock for the retail trade, selling direct to the consumer and reliable nurserymen.

If in need of trees—and who does not stand in need of fine fruit and ornamental trees, as well as a shelter belt of evergreens around their buildings and stock yards to protect their stock from the cold winds of winter—write direct to the Nurseries. Do not allow agents of other establishments to mislead you with their ready tales that our Nurseries have failed, or that we do not grow the fine varieties they offer, etc., etc. Do not waste your money, care and attention, use of land, and above all, years of time, any longer, but buy your trees from a responsible firm, of established reputation.

Remember, we are not working for a day, but for the future, and we aim that an order from a new customer shall not be the last; that by selling the finest fruits and ornamental trees, and doing business upon honest and legitimate business principles, we have built up a large nursery trade, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and from Texas to Canada; and when we once send a bill of trees, we continue to send them year after year. Would we do this if we did not give satisfaction to our consumers? and is it not reasonable that the Nurseries which have satisfied others for over thirty-three years ought to give you satisfaction?

The illustration here presented is an engraving from a photograph representing a row of Norway Spruce planted for a shelter belt along the roadway in the Elgin Nurseries. The trees were two years old when planted by D. C. Scofield, he being at the time upward of fifty years of age, and at the expiration of ten years, accurate measurements showed that many of them were over two feet in circumference and over 20 feet high. Now many of them are six feet six inches in circumference, over seventy feet high, and for twenty years have been a protectien against the firece storms of this climate, and Mr. Scofield enjoys the benefit of it to-day. Why will men say they cannot wait for evergreens to grow? Mr. Scofield's experience proves that a man past middle age may enjoy many years of pleasure and profit, the result of his foresight in planting evergreens. In our assorted losts we offer the Norway Spruce cheaper than ever before offered.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS.

1. Orders should be sent in as early as possible, that there may be plenty of time for shipping long distances when necessary.

2. Buyers ordering by letter should write the order plainly *on the inclosed order sheet* and not in the body of letter. It will prevent mistakes in the hurry of the packing season.

3. Give plain and explicit shipping directions. When none are given, we forward according to our best judgment; but in no case do we assume any responsibility after delivery of stock in good condition to the forwarders.

4. All orders from unknown correspondents must be accompaniep with the cash, or satisfactory references. No goods sent C. O. D.

5. If the varieties of fruit ordered cannot be supplied, others equally as good, and ripening about the same season, will be substituted, unless ordered to the contrary.

6. We recommend that purchasers leave the selection of varieties of Fruit Trees with us, as far as possible; merely stating the proportion of summer, fall and winter fruit wanted, as our experience enables us to select such sorts as are adapted to the locality.

7. Immediate notice should be given to us of any error in filling out an order, so that we may at once rectify the mistake, or give a satisfactory explanation, which is cheerfully done in all cases. But UNLESS claims for errors and deficiencies are made within five days after receipt of stock, there will be no notice taken of them.

8. All who send us their order for $1.00 worth of goods from this list will receive the WESTERN TREE PLANTER & FRUIT GROWER one year free.

9. All boxing, packing and delivering at depot or express office, free on all stock under two feet high. On all stock over two feet high a charge will be made sufficient to cover the cost of material used.

10. Send remittances by bank draft on Chicago, post office or express order, at our risk. Do not send money in letters not registered.

Write your Name, Postoffice address, County and State plainly and distinctly.

State as to what route to ship by. Direct all communications to

E. H. RICKER & CO., - Elgin, Kane Co., Illinois.

FOREST TREES BY MAIL.

We offer the following Packages by Mail, post-paid, for $1.00 per Package, or six Packages for $5.00.

Lot No. 28—100 Norway Spruce Seedlings	$1.00
Lot No. 29— 50 Norway Spruce, transplanted	1.00
Lot No. 30—100 Austrain Pine Seedlings	1.00
Lot No. 31— 50 Austrian Pine, transplanted	1.00
Lot No. 32—100 Scotch Pine Seedlings	1.00
Lot No. 33— 50 Balsam Fir Seedlings	1.00
Lot No. 34—150 American Arborvitæ Seedlings	1.00
Lot No. 35— 10 Dwarf Mountain Pine, transplanted	1.00
Lot No. 36— 5 Dwarf Pine transplanted (extra fine)	1.00
Lot No. 37—100 European Larch Seedlings, 1 year old	1.00
Lot No. 38—100 White Ash Seedlings, 1 year old	1.00
Lot No. 39—100 Green Ash Seedlings, 1 year old	1.00
Lot No. 40—100 Box Elder Seedlings, 1 year old	1.00
Lot No. 41—100 Rusian Mulberry Plants, 1 year old	1.00

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An illustrated Monthly Journal,

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Published monthly by

THE WESTERN TREE PLANTER PUBLISHING COMPANY,

Of this city.

The subscription price is 50c. a year. It is the most instructive journal of tree planting we know of. Believing it will be of great assistance to our customers in the planting and management of their trees, we will prepay and have it sent one year to all who purchase $1.00 worth of trees from our nurseries.

Drop a card to the publishers and they will send you a sample copy free.

Beware of cheap trees that have been pulled up from the forests. Buy Nursery-grown Trees.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Good only until Stock is reduced, for the following

EVERGREENS

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Forest Trees!

GROWN FROM SEEDS ON OUR OWN GROUNDS.

Sent by Express to Any Part of the United States Prepaid.

LARGEST STOCK AND LOWEST PRICES. We sell more trees of better quality for less money than any other firm in America. **We deliver them to your nearest Express Office, all charges paid.** We guarantee them to reach you in perfect condition. We will furnish **The Western Tree Planter,** one year free, to all who buy $1.00 worth of trees of us by April 15th, 1888. This paper gives full instructions on the planting and management of trees. It is one of the best fifty-cent Horticultural Journals published.

This stock is very fine and vigorous and extra well rooted.

	Prices for Trees delivered to your Express Office. All charges prepaid.		Prices, delivered on board cars or at Express Office in Elgin. Not paid.	
	100	**1,000**	**100**	**1,000**
Norway Spruce, seedlings, one year old	$ 50	$ 3 00	$	$ 2 00
Norway Spruce, transplanted, 4 to 6 inches high	1 25	12 00	1 15	11 00
Norway Spruce, transplanted, 6 to 9 inches high	2 00	19 00	1 80	17 00
Norway Spruce, transplanted, 9 to 12 inches high	4 00	27 00	3 50	22 00
(The above are the best trees for shelter belts.)				
Scotch Pine, seedlings, one year old	60	5 00	60	4 50
Austrian Pine, seedlings, one year old	75	6 00	60	5 00
Austrian Pine, transplanted, 4 to 6 inches high	2 00	19 00	1 80	17 00
Dwarf Mountain Pine, transplanted, 4 to 8 inches high	12 00	.....	8 00	.....
Dwarf Mountain Pine, transplanted, 8 to 12 inches high	.....	.....	20 00	.....
American Arborvitæ, transplanted, 5 to 8 inches high	2 00	19 00	1 80	17 00
American Arborvitæ, transplanted, 8 to 12 inches high	4 00	27 00	3 50	22 00
Red Cedar, seedlings, one year, strong plants	2 00	13 00	1 50	10 00
White Ash, seedlings, one year old	1 00	4 00	50	2 00
White Ash, seedlings, for tree claims	1 00	3 50	.....	1 50
Box Elder, seedlings, for tree claims	1 00	4 50	.....	2 50
Cotton Wood, seedlings, for tree claims	1 00	3 50	.....	1 50
Soft Maple, seedlings, for tree claims	1 00	3 50	.....	1 50
White Elm, seedlings, for tree claims	1 00	6 00	.....	3 00
Russian Mulberry, seedlings, for tree claims	1 00	4 00	50	3 00
Black Walnut, seedlings, for tree claims	2 50	.....	1 00	7 00

Trees Especially Adapted for "Arbor Day" or Ornamental Planting, not Prepaid.

	Each.	10.		
Black Walnut, transplanted, 3 to 5 feet high	15	1 00	6 00	40 00
Black Walnut, transplanted, 6 to 8 feet high	25	1 50	12 00	100 00
Catalpa, (Speciosa), transplanted, 4 to 6 feet high	15	1 00	6 00	40 00
Catalpa, (Speciosa), transplanted, 6 to 10 feet high	25	2 00	8 00	50 00
Catalpa, (Speciosa), transplanted, 3 to 4 feet high	10	75	2 00	8 00
European Mountain Ash, transplanted, 3 to 5 feet high	15	1 00	10 00	70 00
European Lindin, transplanted, 3 to 5 feet high	15	1 00	10 00	70 00
Scotch Elm, transplanted, 3 to 5 feet high	15	1 00	6 00	40 00
Scotch Elm, transplanted, 5 to 7 feet high	20	1 50	15 00	125 00
American White Ash, transplanted, 3 to 5 feet high	10	75	7 50	50 00
American White Ash, transplanted, 5 to 7 feet high	15	1 00	9 00	60 00
Russian Mulberry, transplanted, 3 to 4 feet high	10	75	5 00	40 00
Russian Mulberry, transplanted, 4 to 6 feet high	15	1 00	8 00	50 00
Silver Leaved Maple, transplanted, 4 to 6 feet high	10	75	2 50	20 00
Silver Leaved Maple, transplanted, 6 to 7 feet high	15	2 00	4 00	30 00
Apple Trees, 5 to 6 feet, leading varieties	25		12 00	75 00
Apple Trees, 3 to 4 feet high, leading varieties	20	1 50	6 00	40 00
Whitney No. 20 Crab, 4 to 6 feet high, hardy in North D. T.	30	2 50	20 00	125 00
Cherry Trees, 4 to 6 feet high, leading varieties	30	2 50	20 00	125 00

Our stock is fine, nothing but that which is first-class allowed to leave the Nurseries A large stock of Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Small Fruits and Ornamental Stock Cheap. **Please let us know what you want.** We pack our stock in damp moss, wrapped with rye straw and burlap and boxes, in the best possible manner, for which we make no extra charge. Those who prefer it may have their orders filled from our Branch Nurseries, Fargo, D. T., for Norway Spruce and Arborvitæ, from 4 inches to 4 feet high.

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We respectfully refer to any of the above or to the publishers of this paper.

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E. H. RICKER & CO.,
ELGIN NURSERIES, ELGIN, ILL.

Remember our Evergreens are grown from seed on our own grounds—not pulled from the forests.

We can ship Norway Spruce, American Arborvitæ and Red Cedar until the last of May. But Orders should reach us as early in May as possible.

NEW TESTIMONIALS.

OFFICE OF EVERGREEN NURSERY,
LAWTON, Mich., April 9 1888.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Please send me by freight 5,000 Norway spruce, 3 to 4 inch. We had 15,000 of you last year. They are the best plants we ever had from any other source.
D. L. THORNTON.

WATSON, Dakota, May 9, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: DearSirs— The trees of Norway Spruce, Arborvitae, &c., &c., arrived this morning in good order, and I am exceedingly well pleased with them. Many thanks for careful packing. I remain yours truly, ANDREW WATT.

TORONTO, Dakota, August 1, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The 150 evergreens bought of you last spring were received in splendid condition. Will want more next spring. Yours truly,
K. OLIVERSON.

LARRABEE, Dakota, May 21, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—The trees ordered of you, and shipped May 2d, were received in good condition, and now are growing well. If they continue to do well will give you another order next year. Yours respectfully, HUBERT B. SMITH.

RITTSVILLE, Washington Territory, April 30, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—The trees reached me yesterday in fine condition. I am well pleased with them. Many thanks. Truly yours, H. PARKER.

OFFICE OF DEKALB NURSERIES,
NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 20, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The Norway spruce came all right and in splendid condition. Please accept my thanks for prompt shipment. Shall want a large number next spring and will send you my order then. Respectfully yours, J. RAMBO DEHAVEN.

OFFICE OF A. K. MILLS, REGISTER OF DEEDS,
NORTON, Kansas, January 25, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—Please send me immediately your latest catalogue of evergreens, as I wish to give you another order in the coming spring. Of all the pines you sent me last spring only one died. Very truly yours, A. K. MILLS.

LAWRENCE, Kansas, May 10, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: We have received the box of trees in fine condition.
Very truly yours, MRS. ALFRED WHITMAN.

PAINESVILLE, Wis., May 27, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Norway spruce received and are growing good.
ANDREW DITTMAR.

WESTBY, Wis., May 21, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: The package of Norway spruce received in good order. Thanks for some. Yours respectfully, S. PAULSON.

LAKE GENEVA, Wis., May 9, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Trees arrived in first class order; well pleased with them. Yours respectfully, H. E. HASKINS.

ROME, Wis., May 9, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The trees ordered arrived in splendid condition. I am starting a small nursery and will order more largely another season Yours, &c.,
C. S. CARTWRIGHT.

ARBORVILLE, Neb, May 5, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—The trees arrived one week ago. The packing was quite damp. Yours respectfully, S. E. CROSBY.

KNOXVILLE, Neb, Sept. 4, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—In April of this year I ordered and received O. K. some evergreen seedlings from your nurseries. They have done quite well; are thrifty and growing. Now please tell me how to and when to protect them through our severe winters. Yours truly, SANFORD HORTON.

DUBOIS, Neb., Mao 7, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: The trees came all right in good shape. Much obliged.
Yours respectfully, A. W. MALLORY.

KIRKVILLE, Iowa, April 30, 1887.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: The trees arrived in good condition. Would be thankful for any information on the best method of caring for or cultivating them. Thanks for promptness and care. Respectfully, F. G. WELCH.

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF OUR TREES.

The following are a few of the many testimonials received the present season, 1886—exceptionally severe on account of drouth—unsolicited except as per request in our Annual Catalogue:

ILLINOIS.

PEKIN, ILLS., May 4, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Trees arrived in good condition. Am well pleased with them. Respectfully, F. SHURTLEFF.

ROCKFORD, ILL., May 29, 1886.
Office of J. B. Marcellus & Co., Small Fruit Nurseries.

E. H. Ricker & Co., Elgin, Ills.—The 600 Norway spruce I purchased from you are doing splendidly, having made fully an inch of new wood since setting them out. Now I would like to make an arrangement with you to supply me with trees for my trade. I am just beginning business, and cannot carry a very heavy stock as I am pressed for room. What price can you quote me so I can sell at your retail price. Would like to hear from you immediately, as I wish to be at work on my fall catalogue.
Yours very truly, J. B. MARCELLUS & CO.

NEKOMA, ILLS., May 20, 1886

E. H. Ricker & Co: Dear Sirs—The evergreens were received all right. The roots were moist and well packed, in good order, and I think they will live.
Yours respectfully, OLOF MOLINE.

LANE, ILLS., June 6 1886.

Messrs. E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Your evergreens arrived in good shape and are doing well in the nursery row. Yours, JAMES BAKER.

CHICAGO, May 10, 1886.

Mr. E. H. Ricker: Dear Sir—I received your trees, all in good shape. Please let me know if the white birch I ordered are going to be cut-leaved birch; if not, send me a price on one hundred of the cut-leaved birch. Yours truly, WM. DOLESE.

BLACKSTONE, ILLS., June 7, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—So far I am well pleased with the trees—the Mulberries all growing and the Spruce looking well. I shall want some apple trees by next spring; will try and have others send with me. Yours respectfully, B. ZIEGLER.

CHICAGO, ILLS., May 10, 1886.

Messrs. E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Your very generous shipment arrived at my house at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and all was in the ground at 7 o'clock that day. If anything does not grow it will not be your fault, for it was most magnificent stock, elegantly packed, and it arrived in perfect condition. If that is the kind of stock you send out your success may be easily accounted for. Very truly, DAVID W. WOOD.

MOKENA, ILLS., May 20, 1886.

Messrs. E. H. Ricker & Co.: Sirs—Received my last order of trees on the 18th inst., all in good shape. Yours, etc., F. MANE.

RANTOUL, ILL., June 11, 1886.

Dear Sirs—The trees came in first-class order, and I think not one of them died, although it is very dry. Truly yours, J. R. MORE.

ILLIOPOLIS, ILL., May 22, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The order of trees which you shipped on the 17th was delivered at Illiopolis on the 20th, in good condition. When I unpacked them the roots were moist and looked as if they had just been taken up. I am very well pleased with them. Yours respectfully, THOMAS WRIGHT.

PANA, ILLS., May 19, 1886.

Gents—Package of Evergreens shipped on the 15th instant, arrived in apparent good order, and have been nicely set out. I see no good reason why they should not all live and do well. Yours truly, C. I. LADD.

OBLONG, ILL., May 6, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—The evergreens you sent me arrived in fine condition. I have them all planted out. I was most agreeably surprised when they came; they were twice as large as I expected to get. Now for your generosity in sending such fine plants I extend to you my most profound thanks; and may our acquaintance become more familiar. I expect to purchase this fall or next spring another line of evergreens, and of course you will get my order. I am fraternally yours, DR. T. J. EDWARDS.

BUFFALO HEART, SANGAMON CO., ILLS., July 26, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sir—The Evergreens I received of you came through all right and well packed. The plants were better than I expected and fully better than represented. All are growing finely, and I think I shall purchase again in the near future.
Very respectfully yours, MRS. W. S. ENOS.

NEOGA, ILLS., May 17, 1886.

Sir—The Evergreens arrived to-day in good order; nice, stocky trees. Thanks. Will be glad to send other orders in the future. Respectfully, JOHN SWENGEL.

WISCONSIN.

Office of UECKE BROTHERS, Nurserymen, SEYMOUR, WIS., May 5, 1886.

Messrs. E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The 10,000 Norway Spruce arrived to-day. They are a very nice lot and we are very much pleased. Yours resp., UECKE BROS.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 15, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—Trees received in splendid order. Send me your catalogue next New Year. I want some fruit trees to fill out my orchards, and hope to induce some of my neighbors to order spruce. Yours resp., RUDOLPH BRUNN, So. Side, Milwaukee.

WHITEWATER, WIS., June 30, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—In answer to your request to be informed as to the condition of the 1,200 Norway Spruce, I would inform you—now that sufficient time has elapsed to know how they are coming out—that in the first place they were a much better lot than I expected to get for the money, and that now, after being set six or seven weeks, they are doing well, having made a growth of three to four inches; and I expect to raise at least a thousand of them. Respectfully, W. S. DEAN.

JUDA, WIS., May 20, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.; Dear Sirs—The Norway Spruce seedlings ordered of you came to hand in fine condition. I think your way of packing heads anything I have seen. You shall have our future patronage. We set out over $20 worth of fruit trees in the past two years. I am sorry I did not know of your firm when I got them, for I could have saved money and got better satisfaction, I know. Yours very truly, GEO. H. PENGRA.

DUNBARTON, WIS., April 26, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—I received the Black Walnut trees last Thursday that were shipped on Monday. They were in fair condition, I thought, and fine trees with excellent roots. I have got them all set out in good shape and good ground.

Yours truly, L. C. RUSSELL.

NEBRASKA.

INMAN, NEB., May 15, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—The first lot of trees came a little dry, and may lose some of them in consequence. The last lot were splendid, however—looked as well as though they were in the ground. Many thanks. Yours truly, J. MCCLEREY.

ROCKVILLE, NEB., May 29, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—I received all the trees I sent for in excellent condition, and have good reason to believe that most of them will do well.

Yours respectfully, J. C. BARTELSON.

COZAD, NEB., MAY 12, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Spruce to hand (May 9) in good shape. They were certainly well packed. Much obliged for care and promptness. If successful with these will have more orders for you in the future. Yours resp'y, GEO. M. CAMPBELL.

PAWNEE CITY, NEB., May 10, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—The Evergreens you sent me were in fine condition and a fine lot of trees. Yours truly, PETER SHELLHORN.

INDIANA.

VALLEY MILLS, MARION CO., IND., May 5, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—Trees received all O. K. the first day of May, later than I should like, but perhaps just as well. They were better than I expected to get.

Yours, etc., J. J. WHITSON.

LAKETON, IND., May 7, 1886.

The trees you sent me were received yesterday. Are nice and apparently in good order. Yours, etc., D. LOTZENHIZER.

LAGRANGE, IND., May 1, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Sirs—The trees arrived Thursday, in good order. Am much pleased with them. Yours truly, ROXENA FORD.

ADYEVILLE, IND., May 7, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—The stock arrived all right May 2d; one week on the way. I can more than say that I am pleased. Your way of packing is excellent, better than I ever have seen or received before. I expect and believe every tree will live. The most of those to whom I gave your circulars express themselves of sending you an order by another season, and those who have seen my trees are full of praise. You may expect to hear from me again as well as from others in this vicinity.

Respectfully, C. B. MERKER.

DAKOTA.

REE HEIGHTS, DAK., May 22, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Sirs—I received my trees, which I ordered from you, in splendid condition, and they are very fine trees, fully as good as I expected. Wishing you a prosperous season in your business, ane thanking you very much for the deal I have made with you, and expecting to try it again, Yours respectfully, CHARLES BURK.

GRAND RAPIDS, DAK., May 24, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The 300 Norway Spruces you sent me by express arrived aud apparently in good condition. Have bedded them out and hope to get a large majority to live. Think to give you an order another year for European Larch and Scotch Pine. Respectfully, HUGH SHEEKS.

ELDORADO, BUFFALO CO., DAK., May 10, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—Trees O. K. Stock as fine as could be expected. Condition on arrival could not have been better. Very truly yours, J. C. MARSHALL.

WORTHING, DAK., May 9, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—Trees received to-day in good order. C. CONGDON.

ARMENIA, DAK., June 1, 1886.

Dear Sirs: My package of Spruces arrived in proper time, seeming as fresh as though just dug. The ground was very wet when I set them out, but we have just had three weeks without rain; a fine shower yesterday. They have stood it nicely. Nearly every one is as thrifty and bright as ever. Most respectfully, EDWIN FOWLER.

CLIFFORD, DAK., May 17, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—I received my order for trees to-day. All in good condition, and will give large order bye and bye. Respectfully yours, THOMAS WILSON.

TAYLOR, DAK., May 26, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—I am entirely satisfied with Norway Spruce and Grape Vines you sent me. I have never seen stock in better condition All growing nicely. I shall surely give you my orders for nursery stock hereafter. Yours truly, W. J. TRIVELPIECE.

IOWA.

MAURICE, IOWA, May 21, 1886.

E H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—I received your Evergreens all right. They were in splendid condition and I set them out immediately, and now they are all growing finely. I had also ordered some for my neighbors and they are all well satisfied.
Yours truly, H. GERRITSEN.

SAC CITY, IOWA, May 19, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—The package of Norway Spruce arrived in quick time and good order. Very respectfully, GEO. G. EMERY.

ESSEX, IOWA, May 15, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The Norway Spruce you sent me arrived in excellent order. I received them the 8th. Yours respectfully, F. M. JONES.

SPRINGVILLE, IOWA, May 13, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—According to your request I write to let you know that I received the Evergreens in good order. Yours respectfully, M. EMMONS.

PANORA, IOWA, May 22, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—Received trees all right. Came through in good shape. Will report in the spring, when I order again, what success I had.
Respectfully, WM. G. ROBERTS.

LEGRAND, IOWA, Aug. 7, 1886.

Gents—The 3,000 Catalpa and the 1,200 Ash Trees I purchased of you last spring were received in excellent condition and are satisfactory in every way. Nearly all lived, and at this writing, notwithstanding the severe drouth, show a luxuriant growth.
Yours truly, H. H. TOWNSEND.

OHIO.

GREENVILLE, OHIO, May 10, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Evergreens received in fine order on the 5th. They are healthy looking and evenly assorted as I ever got from anyone.
Yours, etc., E. M. BUCHLEY.

DOVER, CUYAHOGA CO., OHIO, May 13, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The 1200 Norway Spruces you expressed last Thursday were received Saturday, and when set out Monday were as fresh as if just dug. Am well pleased as to size. Yours truly, A. L. WESTON.

MICHIGAN.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 1, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—I received the Norway Spruce Trees shipped me the 7th of May. They were in fine shape and I was well pleased. Respectfully, C. L. BENDER.

FAIRLAND, MICH., May 12, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—Goods received all right and satisfactory in every particular.
Yours respectfully, CYRUS B. GROAT.

SHEPARDSVILLE, CLINTON CO., MICH., May 1, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co : Dear Sirs—Trees received all right. Never saw anything nicer. Set 690, which to-day look as well as if they had never been dug up. I think only one has died. Respectfully, MRS. C. H. GLEASON.

GALIEN, MICH., May 3, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—Your remittance of $6.00 received; also the trees, in excellent condition, and stock fine. J. A. JONES.

MAY, MICH., May 25, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Received Trees in good order.
Respectfully. B. A. CLARK.

MISSOURI.

AURORA, May 10, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Messrs.—I received the trees all right and am well pleased with them. Yours, J. C CONRAD.

POLK, MO., May 17, 1886.

Messrs. E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—Evergreens arrived all right. Delayed somewhat but cared for by express agent. All in good shape so far as examined.
Yours, etc., D. C. TURK.

SHELBYVILLE, SHELBY CO., MO., May 3, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—Box of trees and evergreens received, to all appearance in splendid condition. I must say that they were carefully handled and well put up, and am well pleased with them. I am the first to plant forest trees in this country. No doubt others will soon fall into line and all will most likely favor you with their orders.
Very respectfully, S. D. SMITH.

OAK GROVE, MO., May 14, 1886.

Trees received all in good condition, but rather smaller than I expected. If they do well here next spring I will give you an order for several thousand.
Yours truly, J. D. PEERSON.

ELLIS, MO., May 10, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—The 100 Norway Spruces arrived on the 7th. I planted on the 8th. I think they are O. K. If I have good luck with them you may look for me again next season J. A. ZILLIOX.

MARYSVILLE, MO., May 27, 1886.

Trees arrived May 16. Opened and found in good condition, but I fear I shall lose a great part of the small stuff on account of hot weather. I regret now that I did not give orders to have them shipped April 20th, which is about the time I generally transplant evergreens. I have moved some 18 feet high at that date successfully I do not blame you, and shall order again next year. WILLIAM DUNCAN.

APPLETON CITY, MO., May 15, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—I received the Spruce trees I sent for. They seemed to be all right. I got them the 8th and set them out on Monday, the 10th. They all have started to grow.
Respectfully, L. L. FAY.

KANSAS.

VALLEY FALLS, KANS., May 3, 1886.

Gentlemen—Norway Spruce came yesterday in fine condition and good count. *Thanks.* Will recommend you when chance occurs. Yours truly, E, W. BENEDIX.

HARVEYVILLE KANS., May 24, 1886.

My Dear Sirs—The trees arrived in perfect condition. Of the Norway Spruces and Catalpas almost every tree is growing, and the Scotch Pines are doing well and think most of them will grow. Respectfully yours, JOSEPH JOHNSON.

NICKERSON, KANS., May 11, 1886.

Dear Sirs—The order of 600 Spruces reached here the 8th in most excellent condition. Your promptness and fine stock recommend you as the firm from which to order.
Respectfully, C. W. GITT.

LEON, BUTLER CO., KANS., May 8, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—First consignment of trees received the 3d. The next came to hand the 8th in *satisfactory condition.* Yours truly, T. H. WINDER.

CHASE, KANS., May 8, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Sirs—Trees received at 10 o'clock, 8th inst., were dry, being on the road so long, but not wilted. Look very well and am well pleased with them.

Yours truly, GEO. C. WOLF.

KINSLEY, KANS., May 14, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—I received my trees in fine condition They were far better than I expected, especially the grapes. It has been very dry and warm since I put them out, and I fear I will lose a good many of them, but if one third of them live I will have the worth of my money. Yours respectfully, B. F. PIERCE.

MERIDAN, KANS., May 10, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—My little trees arrived in good time and in splendid condition. They were packed in a workmanlike manner.

Very respectfully, H. C. CAMPBELL.

CHANUTE, NEOSHO CO., KANS., May 6, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gents—The second lot of trees came to hand yesterday. I found them in good condition. Yours truly, J. F. HICKEY.

BALDWIN CITY, KANS., May 19, 1886.

The Evergreens came in *fine condition.* I have them planted. Would like to know if you think they will need any shade or protection during the summer, as I have not had much experience with such small Evergreens. Yours truly, S. H. MITCHELL.

MARYSVILLE, KANS., May 8, 1886.

Gentlemen—Spruce received at 7 p. m. this day—good shape.

Yours respectfully, H K. SHARPE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON TER., May 21, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—Your shipment of Mountain Ash Seedlings received all right, in good order, and give good satisfaction in every particular. Thanks.

Truly yours, A. H. JEWETT.

MIDNAPORE, PROVINCE ALBERTA, N. W. TER., June 1, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Dear Sirs—I received Norway Spruce in good condition. Catalpa doing well. Every one living. Yours truly. P. B. CLELAND.

MADISON, ARK., May 8, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—I received the trees yesterday in perfect condition, and I am highly gratified; in fact was never better pleased. I hope to send you other orders.

Yours respectfully, R. P. MEAD.

DEKALB NURSERIES,
NORRISTOWN, PA., May 21, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.—Trees came to hand in good condition on Tuesday, 18th. Shall need more stock in fall. J. RAMBO DEHAVEN.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, May 24, 1886.

E. H. Ricker & Co.: Gentlemen—We received the package on May 3d in good condition. The trees were fine and we are well pleased. We like the way you pack, making the expressage light. Respectfully yours, JOHN L. MAXWELL.

THE ELGIN NURSERIES.

[From *The Western Rural and American Stockman*, Chicago, Ill., March 13, 1886.]

Among the most reliable nurseries in the country are the Elgin nurseries, Elgin, Illinois, E. H. Ricker & Co., proprietors. Mr. Ricker is one of the up and down men whose representations can be depended upon. These nurseries employ no agents, but warn the public against them. Evergreens are one of the specialties of the firm, and they have established some exceedingly fine evergreen shelter belts in the West, something that ought to be on every prairie farm. The prices of the Elgin nurseries are exceedingly reasonable. They have a two dollar offer. For two dollars you can get a fine and liberal lot of fruit trees, small fruit plants, evergreens, deciduous trees or roses. Send to them for this list and for their catalogue, which contains a great deal of valuable reading.

SPECIALTIES.

NURSERY GROWN EVERGREENS, FOREST TREE SEEDLINGS, AND SMALL TRANSPLANTED STOCK, SUITABLE FOR THE CREATION OF NURSERIES AND THE PLANTING OF TREE CLAIMS AND SHELTER BELTS. We have also on hand a good supply of FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, SMALL FRUITS, VINES, PLANTS, ROSES, ETC., ETC., SUITABLE FOR THE RETAIL TRADE. NOTHING BUT GOOD STOCK IN GOOD CONDITION WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE OUR NURSERIES.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!

SMALL STOCK,

All Nursery Grown, very fine and vigorous;—disposable in large quantities, to which we call Special Attention.

These Prices are for the Specified Numbers only, except 50 at 100 rates, 500 at 1,000 rates, We have only the sizes and ages herein given to offer this Spring.

EVERGREENS.

	Each.	100	1,000
Norway Spruce, 2 years old, 3 to 4 inches.....10,000 for $18.00	....	....	$ 2 00
" " 3 years old, 4 to 6 inches.....10,000 for $30.00	....	50	3 50
" " 3 years old, 6 to 10 inches.....10,000 for $50.00	....	75	6 00
" " once transplanted, 6 to 9 inches	6	4 00	15 00
" " once transplanted, 7 to 10 inches	8	5 00	25 00
" " twice transplanted, 9 to 12 inches	10	6 00	30 00
" " three times transplanted, extra fine, extra well rooted, 12 to 18 inches	25	20 00	.....
" " 18 to 24 inches	35	25 00	.....
" " four times transplanted, 2 to 3 feet	50	30 00	.....
" " four times transplanted, 3 to 4 feet	75	40 00	.....
" " four times transplanted, 4 to 5 feet	1 00	50 00	.....
American White Spruce, 2 year Seedlings		1 50	6 00
" " " once transplanted	10	6 00	.....
Scotch Pine, 2 year old Seedlings, 3 to 6 inches		1 00	4 00
" " transplanted, 6 to 12 inches	10	3 00	25 00
" " twice transplanted, 18 to 24 inches	20	12 00	.....
" " twice transplanted, 2 to 3 feet	35	20 00	.....
" " three times transplanted, 3 to 4 feet	50	30 00	.....
" " three times transplanted, 4 to 6 feet	75	50 00	.....
Austrian Pine, 2 year old, 3 to 6 inches		1 00	5 00
" " transplanted, 6 to 12 inches	12	8 00	35 00
" " twice transplanted, 18 to 24 inches	20	15 00	.....
" " three times transplanted, 2 to 3 feet	50	25 00	.....
" " three times transplanted, 3 to 5 feet	75	50 00	.....
Mountain Pine, Dwarf, once transplanted 4 to 6 inches	10	8 00	.....
" " " three times transplanted, 8 to 12 inches.	50	.....	.....
" " " three times transplanted, 12 to 18 inches	1 00	.....	.....
American White Pine, 2 year Seedlings, 3 to 4 inches	....	1 50	10 00
" " " twice transplanted, 4 to 6 inches	10	5 00	30 00
" " " twice transplanted, 8 to 12 in., very fine..	20	15 00	100 00
Balsam Fir, 2 year Seedlings, very fine		2 00	10 00
" " transplanted, 5 to 8 inches	10	5 00	30 00
" " transplanted, 8 to 10 inches	15	12 00	.....
" " twice transplanted, 12 to 18 inches	25	20 00	.....
" " three times transplanted, 18 to 24 inches	40	35 00	.....
American Arborvitæ, 2 year Seedlings		1 00	5 00
" " once transplanted, 5 to 8 in., very stocky,	5	4 00	12 00
" " once transplanted, 6 to 10 in., " "	10	6 00	20 00
" " once transplanted, 10 to 12 in., " "	15	8 00	30 00
" " once transplanted, 12 to 18 in., " "	20	10 00	60 00
" " twice transplanted, 12 to 18 in. extra fine,	25	15 00	.....
" " twice transplanted, 18 to 24 in., " "	30	20 00	100 00
" " twice transplanted, 24 to 36 in., " "	35	25 00	120 00

	Each.	100	1,000
Red Cedar, 1 year, 3 to 5 inches	8	4 00	15 00
" " once transplanted, 8 to 12 inches	15	12 00	.....
" " once transplanted, 12 to 24 inches	20	15 00	.....
" " once transplanted, 18 to 24 inches, extra fine	30	25 00	.....
" " once transplanted, 18 to 24 inches, good trees	25	18 00	.....
" " twice transplanted 2 to 3 feet, extra select trees	75	50 00	.....
" " twice transplanted, 2 to 3 feet, good trees	50	35 00	.....
Irish and Swedish Junipers, 12 to 15 inches	25	15 00	.....
" " " " 18 to 24 inches	50	25 00	.....
" " " " 24 to 30 inches	75	30 00	.....

Prices on larger Evergreens will be given on application. Please let us know what you want.

DECIDUOUS TREES.

Varieties marked * we recommend as the best and cheapest for planting tree claims, groves, etc., etc.

	100	1,000	10,000
***European Larch,** 1 year, extra fine	....	2 50	25 00
" " 2 year, extra fine, 6 to 9 inches	....	10 00	70 00
***White Ash,** 1 year old, strong	50	2 50	20 00
" " 1 year light	....	2 00	15 00
Mountain Ash, 1 year old	2 00	12 00	.....
***Catalpa Speciosa,** Western or Hardy Catalpa, 1 year 1 to 2 feet, extra	1 00	5 00	40 00
* " " " " " 1 yr., 12 to 15 in.	75	4 00	30 00
* " " " " " 1 yr., 8 to 12 in.	....	2 50	22 00
* " " " " " 1 yr., 6 to 8 in.	....	2 50	20 00
" " " " " transplanted, 2½ to 3½ feet	1 50	10 00	.....
" " " " " transplanted, 3 to 4 feet	4 00	30 00	.....
" " " " " transplanted, 5 to 6 feet	5 00	40 000	.....

Our Catalpa are extra fine-rooted trees.

***Black Walnut,** 2 year, transplanted 2 to 3 feet	2 00	12 00	100 00

Our two year-old Black Walnut are extra fine and extra well rooted, and prices are lower than we ever heard of before for 2 year old trees, transplanted, 2 to 3 feet high. The Black Walnut is a very valuable timber tree and every farmer should plant at least one thousand of these trees.

***Black Walnut,** transplanted, 2½ to 3 feet, stocky	7 00	60 00	.....
" " transplanted, 3 to 3½ feet, stocky, extra fine	10 00	75 00	.....
" " transplanted, 4 to 5 feet, extra fine	15 00	100 00	.....
(These walnuts have abundance of fine roots.)			
***Soft Maple,** 1 year, extra fine roots	...	2 50	20 00
" " transplanted, 4 to 6 feet	5 00	25 00	.....
* " " " 2 to 3 feet	1 50	10 00	.....
***Willow Cuttings,** for tree claims, 8 inches long, nicely packed in damp moss, 100 in a bunch	....	1 50	12 00
***Ash-Leaved Maple,** 1 year old	....	3 00	25 00
Norway Maple, 2 year old, transplanted	2 50	15 00	.....
Alder, (Alnus) 2 years old, transplanted	2 50	12 00	.....
Aylanthus, (Tree of Heaven), 1 year	2 00	10 00	.....
" " " 2 years	3 00	15 00	.....
Birch, White, 2 years	2 00	10 00	.....
Linden, European, 1 year	2 00	8 00	.....
" " 2 years	3 00	15 00	.....
" " 2 to 3 feet, transplanted ..... 10c. ea.	8 00	....	.....
***Cotton Wood,** 1 year	....	2 00	18 00
***White Elm.** 2 years, first class	1 50	5 00	40 00
* " " 1 year, first class	1 00	4 00	30 00
***Russian Mulberry,** 1 year	1 00	3 00	25 00
Osage Orange, 1 year, first class	75	2 50	20 00
" " 2 years	1 00	3 00	25 00

DECIDIOUS TREES.

ALL TRANSPLANTED.	Each.	10	100
Ash. (see Elm			
" Mountain, 2 to 3 feet	15	1 25	8 00
Birch, Cut-Leaved, 4 to 5 feet	1 50	10 00	.....
Black Walnut 4 to 5 feet	25	2 00	15 00
" " 3 to 3½ feet	20	1 50	10 00
" " 2½ tc 3 feet	15	1 00	7 00
Catalpa, (see elsewhere).			
Elm and Ash, American White, 2 to 3 feet high	10	.....	3 00
" " " American White, 3 to 4 feet high	15	.....	8 00
" " " American White, 4 to 6 feet high	20	.....	10 00
" " " ¾ to 1 inch trunk, 6 to 8 feet high	35	.....	15 00
" " " 1 to 1½ " 8 to 10 "	35	.....	20 20
" " " 1½ to 2 " 10 to 12 "	50	.....	30 00
" " " 2 to 2½ " 12 to 14 "	75	.....	50 00
Larch, 5 to 6 feet	50	.....	25 00
Maple, Silver-leaved, 3 to 5 feet	10	.....	5 00
" " 5 to 8 feet	15	.....	8 00
" " 8 to 10 feet	25	.....	15 00
" " 10 to 12 feet	40	.....	20 00
" " 12 to 18 feet	75	.....	25 00
Maple, Ash-Leaved (Box-Eldər), 6 to 8 feet	20	.....	8 00
" " " 8 to 10 feet	25	.....	12 00
Hard, or Sugar Maple, 6 to 8 feet	50	.....	20 00
Norway Maple, 6 to 8 feet	75	.....	25 00
Sycamore, 4 to 5 feet, fine	25	.....	20 00
Willow, Wisconsin Weeping, 6 to 7 feet	50	.....	.....
" " " 4 to 6 feet	30	.....	.....
" Kilmarnock, 2 year heads	2 00	.....	.....
" " 1 year heads	1 50	.....	.....

ROSES—Strong Plants.

Moss, leading sorts, fine. 1 to 2 feet	50	3 00	30 00
Hybrid Perpetual, 1 to 3 feet, hardy varieties	50	2 50	25 00
Climbing, 1 to 3 feet, hardy varieties	40	2 50	25 00

CLIMBING PLANTS.

Virginia Creeper	25	....	.....
Clematis, Common White	25	....	.....
" Coccina	30	....	.....
" Jackmanii	50	....	.....
Wisteria	25	....	.....
Honeysuckles, Assorted	25	....	.....
" Trumpet Flowers	25	....	.....

RUSSIAN APPLES.

It has become a fashion of late, with those glib-tongued gentry, the irrepressible tree peddlers, to call all new or less-known apples, "Russian," extol their hardiness, and sell them at exorbitant prices. The few Russian Apples which are of any value are becoming very old, and have been in our leading nurseries for half a century. They are the Red Astrachan, Alexander, Tetofsky, and Duchess of Oldenburg, while many so-called "Russian" are natives of Germany or the Northwestern States. The Red Bietigheimer is from Wurtemburg; the Pewaukee, Wealthy, and Walbridge, from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Northern Iowa, and all the more valuable for it, as they are better suited to the climate. Whenever a dealer wants to sell you "Russian" apple trees at double and treble prices, put him down either as an ignoramus or swindler, and beware of him. Remember! Western trees for Western planters!!

FRUIT DEPARTMENT.

5 at 10 rates; 50 at 100 rates.

APPLES.

Leading varieties as follows: Wealthy, Walbridge, Penwaukee, Mann, Ben Davis, Winesap, Janet, Duchess of O., Stark, Maiden Blush, G. G. Pippin, Red Astrachan, Haas, Fameuse, Lawyer, Smith's Cider, Tetofsky, Tolman Sweet, etc., etc.

	Each.	10	100
Standard, No. 1, 5 to 7 feet high	$ 30	$2 50	$20 00
" Medium, 4 to 5 feet high	25	2 00	15 00
" No. 1, 3 to 4 feet high	20	1 50	12 00
" Medium, 3 to 4 feet high	15	1 25	10 00
" No. 1, 1 to 2 feet high	10	1 00	8 00
" Medium, 1 to 2 feet high	....	.....	5 00

CRAB APPLES.

TRANSCENDENT, HYSLOP, LADY ELGIN, WHITNEY, NO. 20, ETC.

No. 1, 4 to 5 feet high	50	.....	25 00

APPLE ROOT GRAFTS.

First-class, $6.00 per thousand, and $55.00 for ten thousand—cash with order. Varieties as follows: Wealthy, Walbridge, Pewaukee, Mann, Ben Davis, Winesap, Janet, Duchess of O., Stark, Maiden Blush, G. G. Pippin, Red Astrachan, Haas, Fameuse, Lawyer, Smith's Cider, Tetofsky, Whitney No. 20, Tolman Sweet, etc., etc.

PEARS—Leading Varieties.

No. 1, 4 to 5 feet high	75	5 00	30 00
Dwarf, No. 1 3 to 4 feet high	75	5 00	30 00
Keifer, 4 to 5 feet high	50	.....	.....
" 2 to 3 feet high	40	.....	.....
" 1 to 2 feet high	30	.....	.....

PEACHES—Leading Varieties.

No. 1, fine	25	2 00	15 00

PLUMS—Leading Varieties.

Plum on Plum, No. 1	75	5 00	40 00
Plum on Peach	50	4 00	30 00

CHERRIES.

VARIELIES: MOSTLY THE EARLY RICHMOND AND ENGLISH MORELLO, ON MAHALER NON-SPROUTING STOCK.

No. 1, 4 to 5 feet high	75	5 00	35 00
Medium, 2 to 3 feet high	50	4 00	25 00

QUINCE.

Orange, 2 feet high	50	4 00	25 00
Champion, 2 to 3 feet high	75	5 00	40 00

MULBERRIES.

Russian, 2 to 3 feet high	25	2 00	12 00

CHESTNUTS.

American Sweet, 4 to 6 feet high	75	5 00	30 00

RASPBERRIES

	10	100	1,000
Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market	50	3 00	15 00
Gregg, largest and best, tips	50	3 00	15 00
" 1 year plants	75	4 00	20 00
Hansell	75	4 00	25 00
Mammoth Cluster, tips	50	3 00	15 00
Turner, strong plants	50	2 00	7 00
Thwack, strong plants	75	3 50	15 00
Tyler, strong plants	75	3 50	18 00
Souhegan, strong plants	75	3 50	18 00
Shaffer's Colossal	1 00	4 00	20 00

BLACKBERRIES.

Kittatinny, strong plants, well rooted	50	3 00	15 00
Lawton, strong plants, well rooted	50	3 00	15 00
Snyder, perfectly hardy	75	5 00	18 00
Taylor's Prolific	75	4 00	.....

GOOSEBERRY.

Houghton Seedling, 2 years	1 50	8 00	.....

CURRANTS.

Black Naples, 2 years, No. 1	1 00	6 00	30 00
Cherry, 1 year, No. 1, well rooted	1 00	6 00	30 00
" 2 years, No. 1	1 00	8 00	40 00
La Versaellaise, 2 years, No. 1, well rooted	1 00	8 50	.....
" 1 year, No. 1, "	1 00	6 00	.....
Fay's Prolific, 1 year, No. 1, "	5 50	40 00	.....
White Grape, 2 years, No. 1, "	1 00	8 00	.....
" 1 year, No. 1, "	1 00	6 00	.....
White Dutch, 2 years, No. 1, "	1 00	6 00	.....
" 1 year, No 1, "	1 00	5 00	.....
Red Dutch, 2 years, No. 1, "	1 00	4 00	30 00
" 1 year, No. 1, "	1 00	3 00	25 00

RHUBARB.

	Each.	10	100
Victoria	25	2 00	.....
Asparagus, 2 years, 1,000 for $5.00	....	50	1 00

GRAPE VINES.

Concord, 1 year, No 1, 1,000 for $20.00	15	1 00	3 00
" 2 years, No. 1, 1,000 for $35.00	20	1 50	5 00
" 3 years, No 1, bearing size	25	2 00	10 00
Worden, 2 years, No. 1,	50	4 50	.....
Agawam Roger 15, 2 years, No. 1	50	4 00	.....

NEW GRAPES.

Pocklington, 2 years	50	3 50	.....
" 1 year	40	3 00	.....
Prentiss and Lady Washington, 2 years	75	4 00	.....
" " " 1 year	50	3 00	.....
Early Victor and Ambor Queen, 2 years	1 00	8 00	.....
" " " " " 1 year	75	5 00	.....
August Giant, 1 year	1 00	7 00	.....

NEW WHITE GRAPES.

Niagara, two-year vines, with seal attached ..... each, $2.00

STRAWBERRIES.

	10	100	1,000
Charles Downing, fine market variety	50	1 00	3 50
Captain Jack, large, early, and very productive	50	1 00	3 50
Crescent, very popular	50	1 00	3 50
James Vick, one of the new sorts of promise	50	1 00	3 00
Sharpless, large, very fine	50	1 00	3 00
Wilson	50	1 00	3 00
Mrs. Garfield, well recommended, new variety	1 00	3 00	7 00
Atlantic, very desirable new sort	1 00	3 00	7 00
Manchester	50	1 00	3 00

HINTS ON PLANTING.

Select thrifty young trees, rather than old or very large ones; the former bear transplanting better, can be more easily trained to any desired shape, and eventually become more valuable.

For small grounds, or street planting, where it is necessary to make a show as soon as possible, large trees are often desirable, and when handled with care should not fail to do well, but with the general planter the average of loss will be much less, and both time and money will be saved if young trees are selected to commence with.

THE SOIL

for Fruit Trees must in all cases be dry, either naturally or made so by draining. A rich loam is always most desirable, but, by judicious treatment, both very light and very heavy soils are available.

PREPARATION FOR PLANTING.

Pulverize 12 or 18 inches by repeated plowing and sub-soiling, but when grass land must be used, remove the turf from a circle four or five feet in diameter; keep this space mellow and free from weeds. Make the hole larger than is necessary to admit all the roots in their natural position, and throw out the surface and sub-soil in separate piles.

When your trees arrive, prune off broken and bruised roots, and cut back the last growth of top to four or five buds, except in fall planting, when the top pruning may be deferred until the spring following. If not ready to plant at once, "heel in," by opening a trench deep enough to admit all the roots, and set the trees therein as close together as they can stand, being careful to tramp the dirt close about the roots. Take up again as wanted. If ready to plant, keep the roots shaded and wet. Some planters "puddle" their trees by dipping the roots in a paste of mud and water.

PLANTING.

Round up the bottom of the hole with surface soil, so that the tree will stand a little deeper than it did in the nursery. The Dwarf Pear and Cherries must be deep enough to cover the stock on which it is budded, two or three inches. Work the soil around and under the roots with the hand, and when well covered tramp down hard (if not too moist). Set the tree as firm as a post, but leave the surface filling (of the poorer soil) light and loose. Trees thus set will need no staking unless quite tall. Never use manure in contact with the roots.

When planted in the fall, keep earth around the trunk a foot high or more, to remain during the first winter only, as a protection against frost and mice.

MULCHING,

or covering the ground with coarse manure, straw, marsh hay, or other vegetable refuse during the first summer, will effectually prevent injury from drouth, and is a benefit at all times. **Never mulch Evergreens with manure,**

INJURED TREES.

If trees are received in a frozen state, place the package unopened in a cellar, away from frost and heat, until thawed out, and then unpack. If dried from long exposure, bury entirely in the ground, or place in water from twelve to twenty-four hours.

Minute details of the management of Fruit Trees, etc., will be found in standard works on Horticulture. Some general hints are given under the various headings of our Illustrated Descriptive Catalogue, sent post-paid for 25 cents in stamps. Send for it. It contains 72 pages, and is worth five times its cost to any person that plants a tree.

Hedges, Screens, and Shelter Belts.

The idea of planting hedges for use and ornament, and screens for the protection of orchards, farms, and gardens, is a practical one, and rapidly becoming appreciated. In a recent trip among some very intelligent farmers and fruit growers, we noticed that many of them had planted belts of Norway Spruce trees along their entire north and west lines. They were at once beautiful and in a short time grew to be perfect wind-breaks. The owners told us that they considered their farms worth ten dollars an acre more in consequence.

They serve not only as a protection against the fierce winds, but there is much less trouble from the blowing off of fruit. It is said that the temperature is from eight to ten degrees warmer in the vicinity of Evergreens. However this may be, we know that our gardens are earlier, and that our fruits ripen better when protected by such screens. Nothing can be more beautiful than ornamental hedges of Evergreens, well kept and pruned, to serve as boundary lines between neighbors, or as divisions between the lawn and garden, or to hide unsightly places. By using medium-sized plants, a hedge can be made as cheap as a good board fence can be built, and then with a little care it is becoming every year more and more a "thing of beauty." We all know that such hedges continue the principal attraction in our best kept places.

The importance of wind-breaks and shelter belts of Evergreens around our Western prairie farms must at once become apparent to every one who has been exposed to the pitiless blasts on a cold winter's day on one of them, how much more snug and comfortable would each one become, how immeasurably more valuable if inclosed by a belt of Cedars, sturdy Pines, or Stalwart Norway Spruce. Trees adapted for that purpose, not as regular in shape as would be desirable in specimen trees for a lawn, can always be purchased at very low rates from our nurseries, where Evergreens are grown in large quantities, and if planted in double rows, eight feet apart each way, around your homestead, cattle-yard, or orchard, would make a screen in a few years that would add ten times its cost to your farm, in comfort and beauty. We are prepared to furnish such at very low rates by the hundred or thousand, and they should be planted around every place which is to be a "home" in the true sense of the word.

DISTANCES FOR PLANTING.

Standard Apples	30 feet apart each way.
Standard Pears and strong growing Cherries	20 " " " "
Duke and Morello Cherries	18 " " " "
Standard Plums, Apricots, Peaches, Nectarines	16 to 18ft. " " "
Dwarf Pears	8 to 10ft. " " "
Dwarf Apples	6 to 8ft. " " "
Grapes	rows 6 to 10 feet apart; 7 to 10 feet in rows.
Currants and Gooseberries	3 to 4 " apart.
Raspberries and Blackberries	3 to 4 by 5 to 7 apart.
Strawberries, for field culture	1 to 1½ by 4 to 5 apart.
Strawberries for garden culture	1 to 2 feet apart.

Evergreens, for shelter belts, single rows, 4 feet apart; when two or more rows are planted, 6 feet apart each way.

To make a hedge of Norway Spruce or American Arborvitae.. 1 foot apart.

NUMBER OF TREES ON AN ACRE.

30 feet apart each way	50	10 feet apart each way	435
25 " "	70	8 " "	680
20 " "	110	6 " "	1,210
18 " "	135	5 " "	1,745
15 " "	205	4 " "	2,725
12 " "	300	3 " "	4,840

HANDLE EVERGREENS WITH CARE.

On receiving Evergreen trees from a nursery, the boxes should be immediately unpacked, the roots dipped in a puddle made of rich, mellow soil and water, about the thickness of paint ready for use, and care taken not to let the ground get dry before planting. Place them in a cool, shady place, until ready to plant, and, if not immediately ready, heel them into the ground by placing roots in a trench, covering well up with mellow soil, and well firming with foot; if the ground is dry give them some water at planting. Set the trees a little deeper than they stood in the nursery, treading the earth firmly about the roots when planting. This is one of the essentials of suc cess.

Seedlings and all small transplanted trees should be put into nursery rows for two years before planting out. Prepare the ground in the fall or in early spring, by making it very mellow. Stretch a garden line and plant in rows eighteen inches to three feet apart, and from six to twelve inches in the row. Be very particular to firm the ground about each plant, and keep the ground moist by often stirring with a hoe, which will be better than mulching. Very small plants will be better to have some protection from the sun the first season. To shade small Evergreens, take two strips 1x2 or 2x2 inches and about six feet long. Lay them down on a level floor, four feet apart, nail lath across them, leaving cracks about one-half inch wide. Then drive stakes along, leaving them about a foot above the trees; place the lath screen on top of the stakes, and your little trees will be protected from the hot sun. Another simple way is to drive stakes at each corner of the bed of trees; place some poles across top of the stakes, then put brush or branches over them, thick enough so the sun will not strike the trees strong and burn them down. In September the shades may be removed from the trees, as they will then be hard enough to stand the sun. Be sure that you hoe the small trees at least twice a week in dry weather, and keep them free from Weeds, and the ground very mellow about them.

Since the most attractive feature
In this fair, broad land of ours,
Is that choicest gift of nature,
The tree growth and the flowers,

In this wondrous fertile region,
Soil and climate are the best,
We should make their numbers legion,
O'er the prairies of the West.

'Twill enhance the worth and beauty
Of a small or large estate;
This most satisfying duty
Bringeth recompenses great.

These from winter's rigors shield us,
Those bear fruits which we enjoy;
All a rich endowment yield us
If their uses we employ.

By judicious cultivation
Beautify your homes and farms;
Ye and coming generations
May enjoy the fruits and charms.

Rightly choosing, wisely planting,
Fruit and ornamental trees
Will produce effects enchanting
And may yield you wealth and ease.

All remember the true story
Of Sir Johnnie Apple Seed;
Germs he planted gained him glory,
Thousands blessed him for the deed.

If you wish a choice selection
Of hardy plants which always grow,
You will find them in perfection
In the stock of Ricker & Co.

Send your orders for the season;
They will reach us safe by mail;
We will take all care in reason
That no plants from us shall fail.

You will never find us lacking
In attention to your call;
We've a special style of packing,
Much approved by one and all;

And a soil with adaptation,
To produce the *strongest* stocks,
In our favored situation,
In the valley of the Fox.

For our Freight and Express shipments
To all points in the Northwest;
Our connections and equipments
Are among the very best.

DESCRIPTIVE.

THE NORWAY SPRUCE is so well known as being one of the best evergreens for ornamental purposes, that it is only necessary for us to say that it is also one of great value, if not one of the most valuable of all evergreens for hedges, screens, shelter belts, and for timber. It should be planted on good soil, as it does not thrive well on high or gravelly land, but thrives better on the Western prairie land than any other Evergreen. Of these we have as large and fine a stock as has ever been offered in the United States. We have thoroughly tested the Norway Spruce in all parts of the West, and in Northern Dakota, and it has given better satisfaction than any other Evergreen we have ever sent out. They are the best of all Evergreens for shelter belts, as they grow faster, the foliage is thicker, the wood is tougher, and they stand the winds better than any of the Pines. We will plant nearly one million Norway Spruce seedlings, two and three years old, in our new nurseries at Fargo, D. T., this spring.

THE AUSTRIAN PINE.—The Black Pine of Austria was introduced into Britain in 1835, and into this country a few years later, and is decidedly a favorite in ornamental grounds. It is very hardy, symmetrical and compact, presenting a dense mass of rich, dark green foliage in winter.

THE SCOTCH PINE is one of the most rapid growers of all our hardy evergreens, valuable for planting in poor soil, where other evergreens will not flourish, and makes an excellent wind break, sheltering orchards, buildings, etc.

WHITE PINE, the most ornamental of all our native pines; foliage light, delicate silver green; flourishes in the poorest soils.

BALSAM FIR, a very regular, symmetrical tree, assuming the conical form even when young; foliage dark green above, silvery beneath, retaining their color the severest winter; grows rapidly and is very hardy; should be planted in a good soil.

THE EUROPEAN LARCH is the great timber tree of Europe; combining rapid growth with great durability, extreme hardiness, adaptability to any soil not too wet, and remarkably free from disease. It is also very desirable as an ornamental tree, its conical shape, regular, delicate branches, and soft, light green foliage making a striking contrast to the different varieties of European and other ornamental trees.

The European Larch should be planted as early in the spring as possible, as it commences growth at a very low temperature. If done EARLY, no tree will bear transplanting better. It should never be planted on low, wet ground. It grows well on all rich upland, and even on land too dry and poor for almost any other tree except Scotch, Austrian and White Pine.

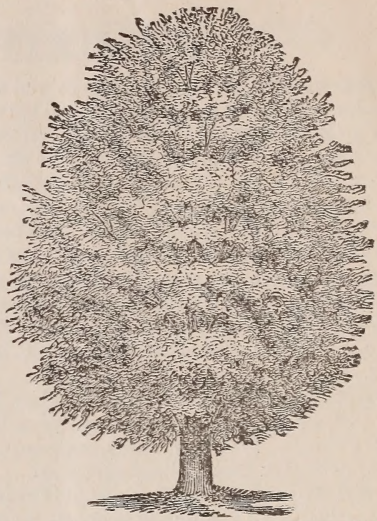
THE AMERICAN WHITE ASH is one of the most valuable and profitable trees for forest planting. The Massachusetts Board of Agriculture have offered very liberal premiums to encourage the planting of this tree within that State. Prof. Budd, of Iowa, says: "A grove of ten acres, thinned to six feet apart, containing twelve thousand trees, at twelve years were eight inches in diameter and thirty-five feet high, the previous thinning paying all expenses of planting and cultivation. Ten feet of the bodies of these trees were worth, for making bent stuff, forty cents each, and the remaining top ten cents—making a total of $6,000 as the profit of ten acres in twelve years, or a yearly profit of $50 per acre."—[Northrop's Economic Tree Planting.

CATALPA SPECIOSA—WESTERN OR HARDY CATALPA.—We call particular attention to this valuable tree. Its hardiness has been tested up to 43 deg. north latitude. It is more upright and symmetrical in its growth, and hardier than the common Catalpa, (C. Bigninoides) which will not endure our Western winters north of 40 degrees.

We have personally examined into, and found positive proof in numerous instances, of this timber having stood as fence posts for a great number of years without decay.

Its great durability, its tenacity of life, the ease with which it is transplanted, and its rapid growth, make it, in our opinion, one of the most profitable trees for forest growth south of the 43d degree. It is hardy at Montreal, Canada, and may prove hardy much further north.

American White Ash, one of the most valuable, hardy, rapid growing trees. We recommend it as one of the best for tree claims. (See description.)



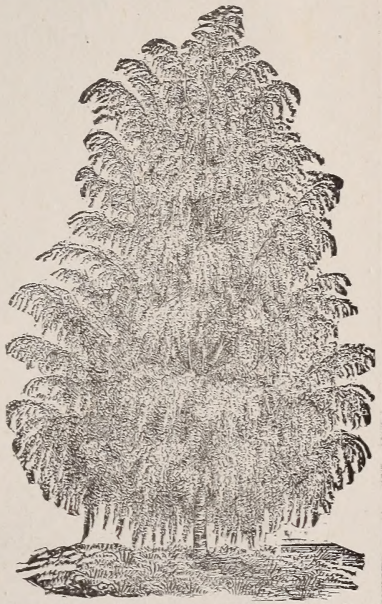
Sycamore Maple, a handsome tree with white bark and large leaves. Should be in every lawn; hardy; rapid grower.

Right way to plant.

Wrong way to plant.

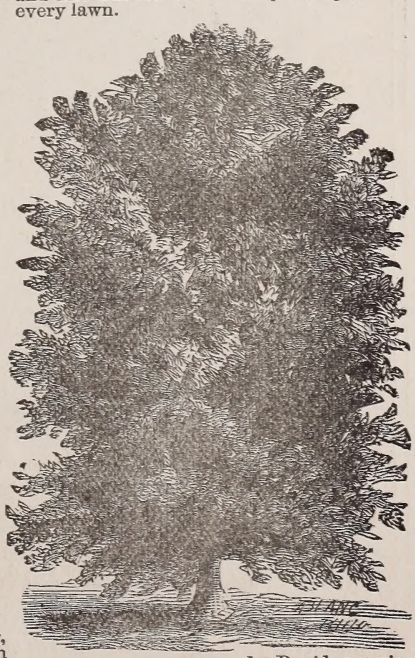
Black Walnut. A valuable timber tree, a good grower and a splendid shade tree. should be largely planted. Examine our prices.

Silver-Leaved Maple, of exceedingly rapid growth, and desirable for immediate effect.

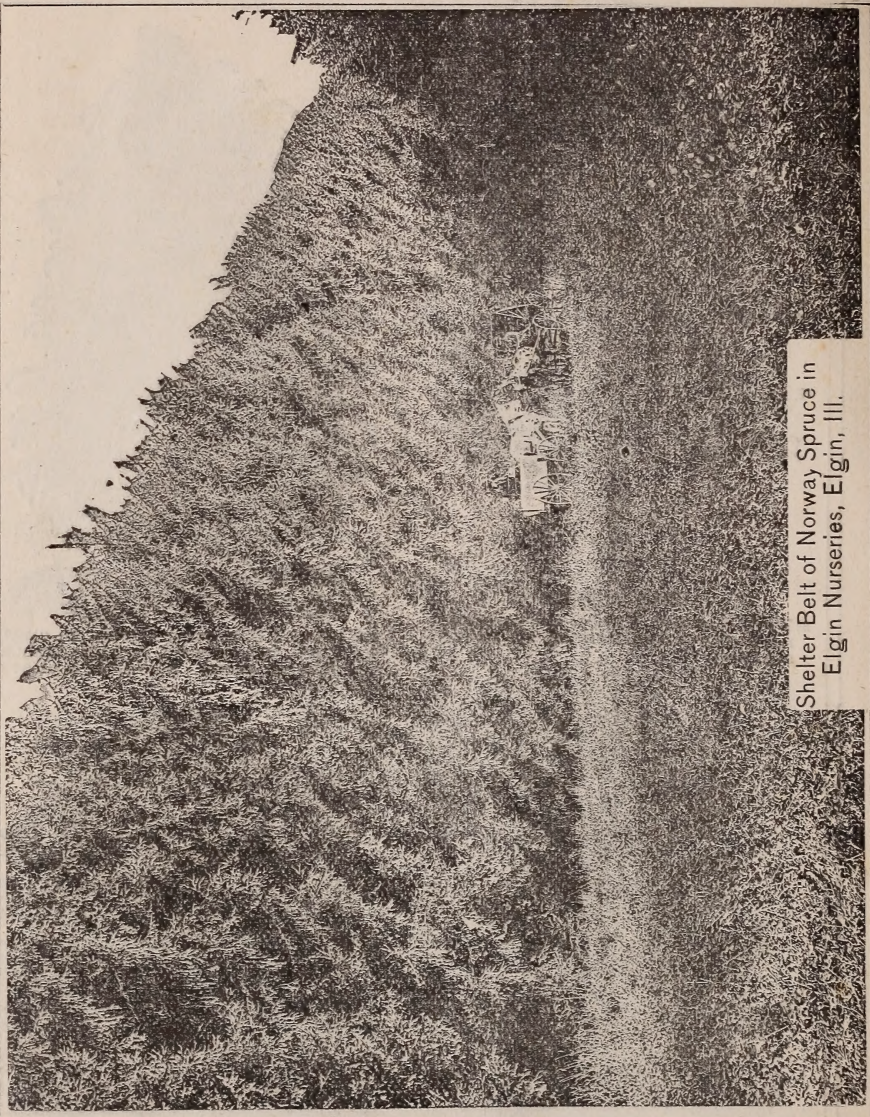


Cut-leaved Weeping Birch, an elegant erect tree, with splendid, drooping branches and fine cut leaves. Worthy of a place on every lawn.

White Pine, a handsome tree while young, and a valuable timber tree; it flourishes on the poorest sails. We do not recommend it as a shelter belt tree; the foliage and branches are thin. It is easily broken with strong winds.



Linden, or Basswood. Rapid growing; beautiful, with very large leaves and fragrant flowers. A valuable tree for honey bees to work on.



Shelter Belt of Norway Spruce in Elgin Nurseries, Elgin, Ill.

The Shelter Belt of Norway Spruce herewith represented, as we have said befor, is seventy feet high, and the foliage and branches are so thick that it is impossible for the fiercest wind storms to go through or make any impression upon it. It stands out upon the open prairie. The trees are thirty years old, and have been a complete shelter belt for twenty years. Just imagine yourself on a western prairie farm, your buildings, orchards stock and yards surrounded by such a shelter:—money would hardly take it from you. You may think it cost so much labor and money that you cannot afford it; but it is a mistaken notion, you cannot afford to do without them. Send us an order for Nos. 89 or 90. Follow our instructions in planting, and you will not miss the time it requires to care for them, and at the expiration of eight or ten years you will not for $2,000 permit them to be taken from you and the cash value of your premises is greatly enhanced by them. Can you invest a few dollars to better advantage? No, never! Now is the time to get the trees. Our special offers will not last forever. So complete is the protection afforded by these trees that when the temperature is 20 to 30 degrees below zero, with the wind and snow blowing furiously, inside of this belt the severity of the weather is scarcely felt.